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## A BRIGHT FUTURE - GLENDALE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ENERGY CONSERVATION

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – Insulation, shade screens and solar panels sound more like terms you’d hear in a home construction class, not a sixth grade science class. Through the city’s free *Watt Watchers* program, sixth grade students are learning about real-life ways to reduce energy consumption in their home and community.

The *Watt Watchers* program was initiated in 2011 by Glendale’s Conservation and Sustainable Living program to provide sixth grade Glendale teachers with free energy education resources and classroom support. The program offers the following resources and services:

- Science, Technology, Education and Math (STEM)-based lesson plans that are aligned to the Arizona Academic Standards.
- Hands-on, energy-related “Discovery Stations” that connect students with environmental professionals.
- Free water and energy-saving devices for students that involve their families in take-home water- and energy-audits.

Funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), more than 35 classrooms and 1,000 students have been involved with *Watt Watchers* to date. Teachers rate the program highly for being grade-appropriate, educationally sound, and addressing the Arizona Academic Standards. One teacher wrote: “I loved the presentation and the way it was presented. My sixth-graders were fully engaged and talking about this experience two weeks after they left. Great job.”

“We want teachers to know it’s not too late in the school year for your classroom to participate in the *Watt Watchers* program,” says Anne Stahley, Energy Education Specialist. “Or for those teachers who are planning for the next school year, we would love to get on your calendars now.”

To schedule a *Watt Watchers* class visit, contact Anne Stahley at 623-930-3553 or via email at [astahley@glendaleaz.com](mailto:astahley@glendaleaz.com). For additional information on programs offered by the Conservation and Sustainable Living office, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green).

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